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No. 44/151-Public.—The Government of India record with the deepest regret the death yesterday in Delhi of Shri Khurshed Lal, Deputy Minister of Communications.

Shri Khurshed Lal gave up a lucrative practice at the bar to take active part in public affairs and for 16 years, from 1930 to 1946, he threw himself heart and soul into the freedom movement. Possessed of an essentially practical and constructive mind, he took a leading part in the civic affairs of Dehra Dun and was President of the Municipal Board from 1936 to 1940. His tenure of this office was marked not merely by general administrative efficiency but by special steps to improve the living conditions of Municipal sweepers. His work in the latter field was so outstanding that he was put on a committee to enquire into the conditions of employment of sweepers in municipal areas in Uttar Pradesh.

In 1946 Shri Khurshed Lal was elected member of the Constituent Assembly and in October 1948 was appointed Deputy Minister of Communications. His work as Deputy Minister was characterised by industry, commonsense and great breadth of outlook; and in Parliament he soon made a mark both by his grasp and by his genial personality. His work was altogether so full of brilliant promise that he had been marked out immediately for higher office; and it is tragic that a career that promised such great service and achievement was so suddenly cut short at the age of 48.

The Government of India mourn the loss of a valued and trusted colleague and convey their most sincere sympathy to the members of his family.

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